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# Three Steps in the Christian Walk



by

**R. A. WILSON, Sr.**

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**T**HE text for our thought is found in 1 John 5:9-15. In verses 13-14 we read, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us."

There are three phases of Christian life -faith, experience and character. Each is equally vital to the Christian testimony, and one cannot stand without the other. Let us look at each one, beginning with faith.

This is a changing world. Concepts of faith are constantly changing and what is considered fact at one time is challenged at a later date. Nevertheless in this changing world we have an unchanging God and an eternal word. "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my Word shall never pass away." The Psalmist wrote, "Thy Word is forever settled in heaven." The unchanging Word is the positive answer and we can fix upon it. Through it God brought the message of eternal life by the birth, life, death

and resurrection of His Son. "He that hath the Son hath life."

The simplicity of the gospel is that all may understand through the Word. So as we read and study the Word it becomes a solid foundation for faith. Thus the Word reveals Christ and makes Him known. But this knowledge in itself does not save. Bible reading alone cannot save. One cannot believe unless Christ is first known, then knowledge brings one to experience and experience must follow. This is the reason missionaries are sent to the uttermost parts of the earth, for how can they believe unless they hear?

Experience is a relationship with God. Jesus called it the new birth in speaking to Nicodemus, who, though a teacher in Isreal, lacked knowledge and experienced. When he came asking, "Good Master, we know thou art a teacher come from God . . ." Jesus did more than accept the compliment. He replied, "Ye must be born again." But how? And the answer was, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." Notice the parallel. Natural birth touches all existence of the creature. That first cry is evidence of life.

So spiritual life in the new birth is manifest by the cry, "Abba Father." Just as a babe is ushered into a new world of existence, so one is spiritually born into a different life and atmosphere. Here is experience.

A growing in knowledge and experience must continue. Many have enjoyed a single experience and little more. A daily knowing God is necessary. We Pentecostals believe that the Spirit of God should be real in our lives and that the touch and moving of God must continue. This is for all. It is more than a duty, it is a privilege. Some tend to be mystical, but this is not a life lived fearing the supernatural, but a glorious reality. A number of years ago a young man disagreed with his father so violently that he left home, possibly never to return. A few days later he came back transformed. He had met some Christian men and the Holy Spirit used their testimonies to change his life. One day he was praying in the apple orchard and lost in a wonderful ecstasy and power he began speaking in a strange language. Months passed before he met some Pentecostal believer who explained what had occurred. This unusual case brought experience before knowledge. However, knowledge is vitally necessary, for as long as we are human it is possible for the human spirit to lead astray. Therefore, it is necessary for experience to line up with the known Word of God. And anything that does not adhere to the Word will eventually shipwreck.

Character is the next step. Faith and experience are not enough. They must be transformed into daily Christian living. To profess great faith and experience and manifest unchristian character is not consistent. Faith and experience must become character, reflect in daily life His power and glory. Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "That ye henceforth walk not as the Gentiles . . . putting away lying . . . anger . . . steal no more . . . let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." Profession without the putting away will result in a testimony without true sound.

A Christian man testified to his fellow workers until he irritated them. When they retaliated with crude jesting, his display of anger ruined years of testimony in a moment. Are you honest? Do you pay your debts? Is your life better than the world around you? If it is not then you have no testimony to them. It is necessary that altar experiences be translated into daily Christian living for the world



to see.

Spiritual gifts are only as effective as our spiritual fruit and an unchristian character cannot be trusted in his spiritual revelations. Paul admonished the Galatian church to allow the Spirit of God to produce fruit in their lives.

Search the Scripture and know it. But do not stop there, for knowing every jot and tittle without the Spirit to quicken, can not bring life. The letter alone will kill. But with the Spirit the Word becomes real and out of experience founded on the Word men will see your good works and glorify God. Such character is not poured in, it is a daily living for God. If the veracity of your Baptism in the Holy Spirit is questioned, it may be because a Christian life has not been consistently lived. Walk and live in touch with God. In the words penned by a songwriter,

I'll walk with God, from this day on,  
His helping hand I'll lean upon,  
This is my prayer, my humble plea,  
May the Lord be ever with me.

doth corruption inherit incorruption" (I Cor. 15:40, 50).

It will not be subject to material things nor bound by walls or closed doors. "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you" (John 20:19).

It will not be subject to the law of gravity. "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thes. 4:17).

It will be a body according to God's pleasure. "But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body" (I Cor. 15:38).

It will be like Christ's glorious body. "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able event to subdue all things unto himself" (Phil. 3:21). "Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2).

It will be a spiritual body. "It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body" (I Cor. 15:44).

It will be an incorruptible body, "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption" (I Cor. 15:42).

It will be a heavenly body. "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (I Cor. 15:49).

It will be an immortal body and not subject to death. "Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruption shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory" (I Cor. 15:51, 53, 54).

It will be a sexless body. "For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven" (Mark 12:25).

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# Our Future Bodies

by

DR. HENRY H. NESS

HAYWARD

"WITH what body do they come" (I Cor. 15:35)?

Men of all ages have asked questions about the hereafter. Even in Job, the oldest book of the Bible, we read, "Man breathes his last and where is he?" (Job 14:10, RSV), and, "If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14, RSV).

Saints of all ages have been confident that after death they would see the Lord. We quote again from Job who uttered during the time of his affliction the immortal words, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then without (or from) my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side (or for myself), and my eyes shall behold, and not another" (John 19:25-27, RSV). In Hebrews 11:13-16, we read how the Old Testament saints died in faith looking forward to seeing the Lord.

We read also in the New Testament that when a Christian dies, he leaves the physical body of flesh and goes immediately to be with the Lord. "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:). We are confident, I say, and

willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (II cor. 5:6-8).

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a straight betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Phil. 1:21-23).

This brings us to a question about which many believers wonder. What kind of body will we have after death?

First, let us consider what the body will not be, and then what it will be.

It will not be the same body as was buried. "And that which thou sowest, thou sowest (bury) not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain" (I Cor. 15:37).

Surely God would not give us the same old body as was buried, such as, infant bodies, crippled bodies, deformed bodies, aged bodies, etc.

It will not be an earthly or physical body. "There are also celestial (heavenly) bodies, and bodies terrestrial (earthly): but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither



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Inasmuch as the body will be like Christ's, it will be a body able to eat and drink. "And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he (Jesus) said unto them, Have ye here and meat? And they gave him (Jesus) a piece of broiled fish, and of honeycomb. And he (Jesus) say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I (Jesus) drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29).

It *will* be a body able to appear and disappear momentarily. "And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you" (Luke 24:15, 31, 36).

It *will* be like our present body, though not in substance, but in likeness. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (I Cor. 13:12). "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like

him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2).

Stephen, while being stoned, saw the heavens opened and recognized Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father. "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55).

Jesus said, "We shall sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in heaven" (Matt. 8:11).

Peter, James, and John recognized Moses and Elijah and heard them speak on the mount of transfiguration. "And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias" (Matt. 17:3, 4).

David looked forward to seeing his son who had died. "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (II Sam. 12:23).

What a blessed and wonderful hope we have knowing that some day we shall have a new spiritual body, not subject to corruption, but one like Christ's glorious body in which to dwell with Him forever and ever.

## DISTRICT REVIVALTIME REPORT

Joseph L. Gerhart, Representative

### TOP SIX GIVERS FOR AUGUST 1961

Crescent City, A/G .....	\$146.00
Lodi, First A/G .....	92.60
Las Vegas, Trinity A/G .....	66.00
Eureka, First A/G .....	56.50
Modesto, Central A/G .....	50.00
Sparks, Nev., A/G .....	50.00

Total given for Church credit during August - \$1,583.06

Personal offerings from our District for August - \$965.53

Grand Total from our District during August - \$2,548.59

Number of churches giving from our District during August - 109

May God bless each church and individual giving to this great gospel broadcast which is helping thousands of souls. Only 31% of our churches gave during August. Let every church send in at least one offering during 1961! Send to Revivaltime, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri. State your church name and address so that proper credit can be given.

### TESTIMONIAL - TWELVE YEAR OLD BOY

509 Ventura, Chowchilla, Calif., August 18, 1961

Please send me the special offer you spoke of on the air Sunday night. Also the message. Enclosed is my offering for REVIVALTIME of 25c. I'm twelve years old and I love your messages.

/s/ Herbert Lilly

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# Many New Improvements Seen At Mission Villa

The following is an interview with Willard C. Peirce, trustee, director, of Mission Villa. Bro. Peirce has lead the program at Mission Villa since its very beginning in Bethany Park. He is well qualified to answer any question concerning Mission Villa. If you need further information, write to him at P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif.

**I notice you have been doing quite a bit of landscaping this past summer. Is this work finished now?**

Yes, we have been working at it, planting trees, shrubs and putting in lawns. While lots has been done, much remains to be done. We can use shrubs and plants of all kinds. We plan to put in fir and pine trees this fall and winter. If anyone should have any they wish to contribute, we will gladly arrange to pick them up wherever they may be in the District, though of course we would appreciate it if people would bring them right to Bethany Park.

**Are your houses and apartments filled all the time?**

We rarely have them vacant. Usually there is a waiting list of missionaries who keep their application on file with our Rental Committee. Rev. Ruben Wilson, assistant supt. and district missionary secretary, together with Mrs. Goldia Anderson, W. M. C. president, are this committee.

**Are the houses and apartments all paid for now?**

The money in the trust has paid for the five houses and apartments now in use, except for about \$7,000. The total value of the properties would be about \$65,000 so \$7,000 is a very small unpaid balance. We would like to pay

this off as soon as possible. The income from rentals and invested funds is not sufficient to reduce this indebtedness, for we have about \$800 a year taxes and the cost of maintaining the Villa. So we trust the Lord will lay it on the hearts of people with a missionary vision to make contributions which will pay off this small balance.

**Who is responsible for the Pacific Mission Villa at Bethany Park?**

Mrs. Mary Norton Perkins, a Pentecostal woman from Ossining, N. Y., gave the first missionary home in Los Angeles about 40 years ago. After her death there was left a Trust fund of about \$30,000 in her will for the maintenance of the home. It was stated in her will that this home should be for the use of missionaries on furlough or when going to or coming from the missionary fields.

**Does this trust still exist?**

Yes, though almost all of the principal of the Trust has now been invested in the building of the present homes in Mission Villa. There is a very limited amount still invested in stock from which about \$25 a month comes in to help run the homes.

**Well, then how do you carry on the project?**

The Fireign Missions Department

of the Assemblies of God makes provision that their missionaries on furlough receive an allowance for rent each month.

**How much do you rent the houses and apartments for?**

The three bedroom house, all furnished with everything including linens and all utensils and dishes, ready for missionaries to move in with just their suit cases, is only \$60 a month. The two bedroom house and apartments rent for \$50 a month.

**Will people or churches receive missionary credit from the Foreign Missions Department of the Council for such contributions?**

Those sending in offerings may send them to the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz. Official receipts will be sent them and credit will be given either to them, personally, or their church for this missionary offering. Just mark the offering "Pacific Mission Villa."

**Just one more question, Brother Peirce, is the Pacific Mission Villa owned by the District?**

Not at present, but there is a provision which has been made by decree of the Superior Court of California in and for Santa Cruz County, providing that the buildings built on this acre of ground owned by the District, will revert to the District at the end of the lease period of 25 years. So that every dollar invested in this project will become District property, as ordered by the Court, by 1981, at which time the trust will be dissolved and all the property belong to the District Council.

## — What The Missionaries Think of Mission Villa —

It is impossible to describe what Mission Villa means to my children and me!

Time and again, Andre, Felipe, Miriam and I sit in the front room and remark how lovely it is and how much we feel at home. We didn't have to go out and buy a thing when we moved in. It was *all* furnished; dishes, towels, sheets, and etc. We thank the Lord for the different W.M.C. groups that have done this.

We also enjoy the sweet fellowship of the other missionaries living here. We are just like one big family at Mission Villa.

Thank you for Mission Villa and remember us before the Throne of Grace.

Mrs. Antonette O. Johnson and family

On September 25 we walked in and started living. No need to unpack anything, it was all there in the convenient cupboards and drawers. Just a letter before coming home reserved this home and we did not have to house hunt as on previous furloughs.

The cozy living room with its cheery fireplace and the scenic picture window is a favorite retreat from our busy intinerating. The rolling hills and lake, nestled down in the valley, make a pleasant picture.

Thank you for all of these lovely comforts.

John and Daisy Kennedy

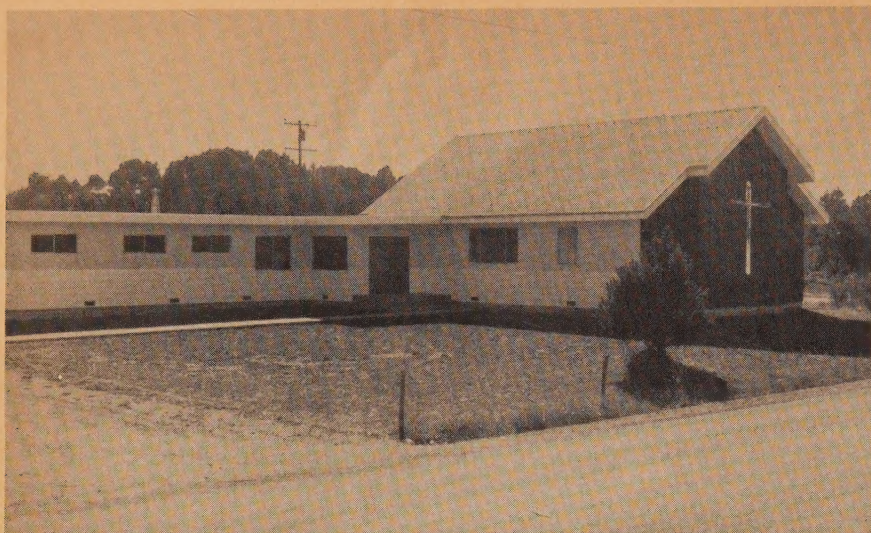
Even spiders have homes!

God thought so much of a "home" for His children that He commissioned the Lord Jesus Christ to return to heaven to build a mansion for each of us and ordered them to specification. What a privilege it is to have a bit of a "FORTASTE" of this truth by living in Pacific Missionary Village - a home that has been prepared for the wandering missionary.

VIEW! FELLOWSHIP! PRAYER SATURATED COMMUNITY! COMPLETE ACCOMMODATIONS! All are ours and more as we live here on our furlough during a full and completely scheduled year. May God bless all who have made this possible!

Ovid and Helen Dillingham





Fort Bragg Assembly of God

## New Building Dedicated at Fort Bragg

The Fort Bragg Assembly of God and Pastor George McQueen dedicated their lovely new church on Oct. 9 in conjunction with the Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting.

The building, which was constructed by the men of the church, houses the sanctuary, pastor's study, kitchen, nursery, an overflow room and eight classrooms. The supply of labor and



Pastor and Mrs. George McQueen pose with Ruben A. Wilson, left, assistant superintendent, and Jack R. Edgar, right, secretary-treasurer, at the dedication ceremony of the new Fort Bragg Assembly of God.

material throughout the building program was evidence of the blessing of God.

Rev. Ruben A. Wilson, district assistant superintendent, was the speaker for the afternoon service. At the evening dedication service Rev. Jack R. Edgar, district secretary-treasurer, was the guest speaker.

The Fort Bragg W. M. C. ladies supplied the afternoon meal for 158 visitors.

### PERSONAL MENTION

WATSON ARGUE of Santa Monica was in the District for three campaigns: Stockton with Pastor Leonard Rogers, Sept. 3-16; Richmond with Pastor J. Boyd Wolverton, Sept. 19-Oct. 1; Modesto with Pastor L. B. Lewis, Oct. 3-15.

EVANGELIST BOB HARRISON, former pastor of Emanuel Temple in San Francisco has held revival meetings recently in Chicago, Ill.; Philadel-

phia, Pa.; Newark, N. J.; Jamaica, New York; Boston, Mass., and was also ministering at the time of writing in his third week of meetings in Salem, Ore. His home address is 1322 Lyon St., San Francisco.

EVANGELIST ERNIE ROGERS of 1874 Selo Dr., Sunnyvale will be in special meetings with Pastor Philip Lindvall of San Jose in November. Then in Rio Dell with Pastor E. L. Snyder and beginning Dec. 1st with Pastor D. L. Rhodes of Crescent City.

PASTOR WESLEY STEELBERG of North Hollywood farewelled Sept. 15 to give his time and ministry to World Literature Crusade. The family is to remain in North Hollywood where he will be making headquarters.

Pastor W. C. ROBINSON of Weaverville is open for teacher training classes and evangelistic meetings which will not keep him away from the church too long. He may be reached at the Assembly of God in Weaverville.

### Educational Unit Built In Hayward

Bethel Temple of Hayward dedicated their new educational unit on Sept. 17. The ceremonies were held in the courtyard of the new building immediately following the morning service. Guests of honor, District officials and civic leaders took part in the service. The building is a three story structure which houses the church offices, multi-purpose room, kitchen and many classrooms. James R. Swanson is pastor and Gene Anderson is associate pastor.



### MISSIONARY HEETEBRY WITH THE LORD

Adran M. Heetebry passed away Sept. 29, 1961 in the Fiji Islands where he has labored since 1926. This veteran missionary, with his wife Charlotte, graduated from Glad Tidings Bible Institute in one of the earliest classes. After pastoring the Sunnyvale Assembly and dedicating the new tabernacle Feb. 11, 1925 they left Sunnyvale in 1926 for the Islands where they have ministered since. His last birthday was celebrated Aug. 3. His wife survives him.



*A Living Influence*

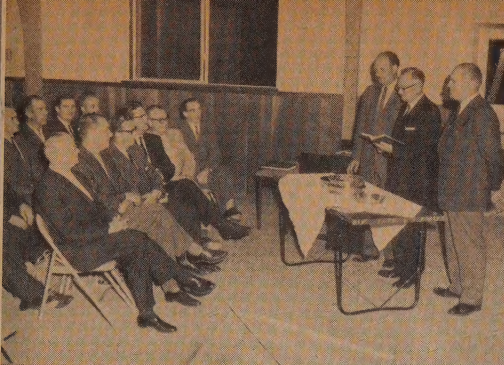
A will including Bethany Bible College has higher permanence than almost any other type of bequest. The influence of many who have long been gone, lingers still . . . because they remembered BETHANY in their will. When drawing up your will, include BETHANY.

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Above, left, communion is served to the Presbyters by the three District officers. A buzz of activity around the planning calendar, above, as various departments and committees set their 1962 dates. The W. M. C. committee, left, is typical of the many District committees that ready their 1962 program for approval of the Presbytery.



## District Planning Council Looks Ahead To 1962

With an eye to the future, the District Planning Council met Oct. 2-5 at Mission Springs for its annual time of preparation for the coming year. The Council consists of the District Presbytery and the 14 committees which are responsible for the many areas of District ministry.

The four-day meeting was filled with objectives, new programs and budgets for 1962. Each committee met in separate session to work on its own program. Then it moved on to the Finance Committee and finally to the Presbyters.

All was not just planning, but there was ample time for spiritual refreshing. The highlight being the communion which was served by the District officers to the entire group. A sense of God's blessing and guidance was evident.

Sould Jesus tarry His coming, 1962 can be the greatest year of revival and blessing our great District has ever known. Let us all pray to that end.

in spiritual things. The goal of spiritual excellence, therefore, takes on tremendous significance in this light. We plan no odious comparisons with other schools. We propose none, but we do hope that the tone of spiritual life at the college, both at student, faculty, and administrative levels is and will be such that positive observations will continue to be made by all those who look upon our life here in the redwoods.

Missionary giving on the part of the Missionary Association of the school reached an all-time high last year with over \$5,367.00 being poured into World Missions of the Assemblies of God. At the same time, literally hundreds of souls were reached with the gospel in services conducted in churches, street meetings, labor camps, rest homes, etc. To recount the results

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## MISSIONARIES AT HOME

PAUL DEMETRUS has returned from five months ministry in Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Austria, Paris, Athens, Katarini and Thessalonica. He also visited Communist Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. Brother Demetrus continues his ministry of preparing radio tapes in these languages and needs funds to produce these programs. The demand is far greater than he is able to supply.

OVID AND HELEN DILLINGHAM with John and Daisy Kennedy held a missionary convention at First Assembly in Santa Cruz for Pastor Kenneth Short the week of Oct 8th.

LOWELL AND VIRLA DOWDY intinerated in the Peninsula Section Oct. 17-31 followed by meetings in Coast Counties and South San Joaquin Sections. A missionary convention was held for Pastor Russell Griffin at Central Assembly Oct. 11-15.

H. B. GARLOCK spent October in the Redwood and North Bay Sections itinerating for Bible school support for Africa and maintaining personal support required by the Missions Department.

ANTONETTE JOHNSON (Mrs. Bernard Johnson) is to leave for Brazil Nov. 20. She will be accompanied by Miriam while Andre and Felipe remain at Bethany Bible College.

JOHN AND DAISY KENNEDY will not return to the field until spring and are continuing to intinerate. They begin in October in the Berryessa, Lassen-Plumas and Sierra-Nevada and North San Joaquin Sections.

ARTHUR LINDVALL is ministering in the east.

GLEN AND RUTH McCOLLISTER began itinerating in the Redwood Section in November.

ROBERT AND OLGA RENFROE terminated their missionary appointment Oct. 31 and returned to the ranks of our ordained minsters. Due to the extended illness of Sister Renfroe it was impossible for her to return to the field. It is with grateful hearts for the many friends who have made possible their years of foreign service that they request continued prayer for Sister Renfroes' complete recovery.

JAMES STEWART itinerated in the Central San Joaquin Section early in October followed by North San Joaquin, Butte and Sacramento Valley Sections. With the Dillinghams a missionary convention was held for Pastor Lee Mildon at Seaside, Oct. 11-15.

## Annual Report

### Dr. Burnett Lays Out Challenge in Bd. Report

The beginning of the third year of our administration at Bethany Bible College brings with it the honor and responsibility of reporting again on the stewardship committed to me in the summer of 1959 when you, as a Board of Trustees, announced my appointment as President of the College. The past two years have been times of tremendous personal blessing as well as times of increasingly difficult problems - problems that in the first few months after our decision almost caused a reversal of direction and a surrender of responsibility.

As time has passed, however, and the will of God has become more and more evidenced in the decision made back then, I rejoice in the wonderful way our Heavenly Father has guided us all through troubled waters and turbulent times.

It seems the pattern established on Inauguration Day calling for spiritual excellence, academic efficiency, and financial solvency still holds as a guide for our accounting. I am reminded that one of the observations by the late W. T. Gaston was that "the curse of our day is mediocrity". Too many are satisfied at mediocrity



## News from Our Churches --

### CARMICHAEL —

First Assembly's revival with Evangelist Dick Colson continued through the month of September. On Oct. 1 Vernon Metz, missionary to Dahomey, West Africa, was guest speaker. The pastor is Lionel W. Suter.

### CUPERTINO —

Evangelist John McPherson held a Kid's Crusade Sept. 26 - Oct. 1. H. Russell Baker is pastor.

### DENAIR —

Neighboring assemblies joined in a "Harvest Time" revival held in August. A tent was used and several transient farm laborers attended. Pastor Jim Logan reports that the revival continues.

### EL CERRITO —

Pastor V. M. Skore reports his recent trip to the Holy Land has been a blessing to his ministry and church. Slides shown on Sunday night with a real move for God in the services resulted in one saved at a mid-week service. In June John and Faith Stallings of Orlando, Florida, ministered for two weeks. Their anointed preaching, music and singing was appreciated. Archie Phelps, minister of youth, left to do evangelistic work and is now ministering in Washington. His faithful labor of two and a half years is appreciated.

### EUREKA —

Bethel Assembly Pastor Gene Riggs writes a very fine meeting with Evangelist Ernie Rogers resulted in several saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

### FORT BRAGG —

Pastor George McQueen reports Evangelist Jackson and Holms held two weeks revival while the McQueens attended General Council. Deeper life teaching, preaching and musical talent proved to be an outstanding blessing. A number of visitors attended for the first time. Dedication services for the new church building were held at the Lake Mendocino sectional fellowship meeting there Oct. 9. Special messages were given by R. A. Wilson Sr. and Jack Edgar.

### FORTUNA —

Pastor Sam Sanders reports their best meeting in years was with Evangelist Ernie Rogers. Several were filled with the Spirit and 23 were saved. Attendance was very good.

### FREMONT —

District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart was guest speaker for Pastor Paul Radley on Sept. 17.

### GABBS, NEV. —

Pastors Zelma Strasdin and Rose  
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## Author Publishes Second Book



Poet  
Ford

Alvy E. Ford, known as the blind poet, has just published his second book entitled *It Is Better*. The book contains 1,236 verses, all of which start with the words, "It is better . . ."

Everything from sports to philosophy, food, clothing and shelter; love, marriage and divorce; recreation, travel, time payments, children, crime, wages and religion is covered. Some stanzas are strictly humorous and some are deeply serious.

The new book, written by Bro. Ford on his typewriter in 40 days, is felt to be a real help to clergymen, teachers, writers, public speakers and those who just simply enjoy catchy and interesting verses.

Samples of the type of poetry contained in this book are as follows:

It is better to drive at a leisurely  
pace,  
To arrive late, but nothing the  
worse,  
Than to scream down the road in a  
death-dealing race,  
And to, slowly, return in a hearse.

It is better to hire a man that is  
trained,  
To install that electrical plug,  
It is true that your savings have  
nearly been drained,  
But so what, when your grave has  
been dug.

It is better to deepen your spiritual  
trust,  
By digesting the Word of the Lord,  
Because faith is the diet prescribed  
for the just,  
And the just get a lasting reward.

Bro. Ford's first book, *The Bible in Verse*, came out in 1955. Just recently he sold the last of the 5,000 copy issue.

A 1955 graduate of Bethany Bible College, Bro. Ford reads the Bible through four times each year by means of his 170 records which contain the entire King James Version. He lives at 661 Corcoran Street, Santa Cruz, Calif.



Oops, our mistake. In the September issue the above photo appeared with the caption saying that the group was from the Taft Assembly of God. Actually, this fine looking group is from Bethel Temple in Galt. We apologize for this error. Mrs. Carroll D. Holloway, front row, far right, is the director. Bro. Holloway, Pastor, adds that the orchestra has been a great blessing and is continuing to grow.





## W.M.C. Activities

GOLDIA ANDERSON, President

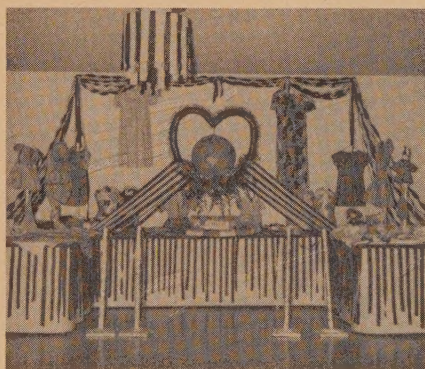


During the Planning Council, on Oct. 4, ground was broken for the new W. M. C. Commissary. The Presbyters, many District committee members, the office staff and others were present for the occasion. District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart officiated. Right, Goldia Anderson is seen turning the first spade of earth. At the same meeting bids for construction were opened and the contract was awarded to Harold Carmichael, general contractor of Santa Cruz.

### Groundbreaking Ceremonies Held For New Commissary



## W.M.C. Fair Held in Sacramento Valley



The Sacramento Valley W. M. C. Fair was held Sept. 12 in Chico. Above, left, is the Pleasant Valley display. The booth from Chico, First, is at the right.



The Chico Missionettes, ages 12 to 17, fixed the booth to the left on their own. The younger Missionettes, ages 9 to 11, prepared the display to the right.

### W.M.C. President Tours Orient



On Oct. 7 W. M. C. President Goldia Anderson left San Francisco for a tour of the Orient. She went, first, to Juneau, Alaska, to visit the Childrens Home. Then to Japan, Okinawa, Formosa, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Hawaii. She is seeing first-hand the missionary work in each of these lands. Sis. Anderson will return Nov. 13 at the San Francisco Airport at 4:40 p. m.



## NEWS FROM CHURCHES —

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Mary Berlin report a good year thus far at Gabbs. Five have been baptized, a two weeks revival was held with the Langstons and other blessings. Recently, one was saved and one filled with the Holy Spirit.

### HAWTHORNE —

Evangelist Dave Hines began a revival Oct. 15.

### HOLLISTER —

A total of 168 enrolled in the Kids Crusade held in September. The pastor is Pike Robinson.

### LINCOLN —

Evangelist Claude O. Wood held one of the best revivals known in the church's history. A number were saved, baptised in the Holy Spirit, healed, delivered from bad habits and revived. A Summer Sunday School Rally was tried with success. Some 20 were baptised in water. Carl W. Oney is pastor.

### MODESTO —

Bethel Church honored Pastor and Mrs. L. B. Lewis on their Silver Wedding Anniversary recently. Evangelist Watson Argue held a campaign Oct. 3-15.

### MODESTO —

Community Church enjoyed the rich ministries of John P. Kolenda and

Arthur Lindvall recently. The pastor is N. A. Golusin.

### NAPA —

At the ministers meeting of the Lake Berryessa fellowship meeting, held Sept. 18, Charles E. Pepper, pastor of Bethel in Napa, was elected Presbyter to fill the post vacated by Max Inman who is now pastoring at Salida. Other elections included; Don R. Merrill, sectional secretary-treasurer; Duane Trulin, C. A. representative, and Mrs. Gene Ness, W. M. C. director.

### OAKLAND —

Calvary Temple heard guest speaker Evangelist Val Munsen on Sept. 17. The pastor is Oliver Foth.

### OAKLAND —

First Church enjoyed the ministry of Ernest S. Williams Oct. 1. At 3 p. m. a memorial service was held for J. Narver\* Gortner who was the church's first pastor. Evangelists Alfred Webb of England and Howell M. Harris of Wales began meetings that evening. David du Plessis was guest speaker Oct. 14. Paul Schoch is pastor.

### RICHMOND —

Full Gospel Temple heard Evangelist Watson Argue Sept. 13-19. The pastor is J. Boyd Wolverton.

### SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple announces revival meetings with Evangelist Ed Cole Nov. 12-19. Clyde Henson is pastor.



### ELKO, NEVADA —

The Assembly of God broke ground on Aug. 14 for their 40' x 68' building which is now under construction. Pastor Harold Smith, right, and Presbyter Maurice Caudill, left, of Winnemucca, turn the first spadeful of earth (see picture, above).

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## news from overseas

## MISSIONARIES ABROAD

### CENTRAL AMERICA —

Paul and Ileen Cooper, Honduras write of a school teacher saved after a terribly degraded life. He is now teaching school, preaching and holding Sunday school in his home. Another man was saved just as he was released from the penitentiary. He is a musician and now wants to preach. This year 25 studied in the Bible Institute. The capitol of Honduras now has a population of 145,000 and is without an Assembly of God. It is the only capitol in Latin America without one. A worker went in to start a church in October. Pray for the work there. The annual confer-

ence has outgrown the churches so ten acres of ground were bought, fruit and shade trees donated and planted and a tabernacle built. A stove made from an eight foot circular saw provides cooking space for tortillas and beans. Dormitories are needed as the ground is too cold to sleep on. A building would cost from \$250 to \$300. Designate offerings to Paul Cooper, Honduras Campground.

### FINLAND —

F. A. and Inez Sturgeon spent two weeks in Helsinki in meetings with packed churches and souls saved every service. Four nights services were  
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# Sunday School Department

DAVE COLBERT, Director



## Operation D. D. (Door to Door) Finds Acceptance In District Churches

Doorbells! Some are round, some are square, some are large and some are small, but it is not the doorbell that interests us . . . its the one who answers.

Four years ago the idea of Operation Door to Door came into reality when we enlisted a group of students from Bethany Bible College to go with us to the various churches and spend an afternoon pushing doorbells for Christ.

This visitation team started with about ten students volunteering for this type of ministry. Today we have a team of 25 to 30 young people who realize this to be an interesting, exciting and rewarding work. Work, yes! Miles are covered on foot every Sunday afternoon and everyone gets very tired. But the dividends are great.

In one church the result of the afternoon's visitation climaxed in five people coming to the altar that Sunday night for salvation. When the pastors write us and say that they have called on these prospects and have added families to the church, the weary feet and tired bodies are for-

gotten with rejoicing to God for new souls added to the Kingdom.

Each week this visitation team meets in a classroom of the college and we go over techniques, methods and plans for the next community to be visited. Then time is spent in prayer — praying that God will go before us and open the hearts of the people that they will open their doors to us.

The compensations are many. One is food at its very best! The churches are so very gracious and feed us so

well. Most of the time a dinner is prepared to be served at the church so the team can get on the sidewalk as soon as possible.

In the evening service the students in the team testify, lead song service and have special musical numbers.

Literally thousands of homes have been called on through Operation D. D. At times some of the team members have not received a very pleasant reception at the door and at other times they have had the opportunity and pleasure of kneeling right there in the home and praying with the families.

We cannot number the results, only God knows that. Our prayer is that when we get to heaven we will find many there that answered the doorbells.



The area to be worked is carefully picked after planning (right). Below, many California cities have vast housing districts where no gospel contact has ever been made. The team (below, right) as they receive material and begin to leave the church in smaller groups.





## NEWS FROM CHURCHES —

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### SACRAMENTO —

Glad Tidings reports good attendance in the Sunday School and church services during the summer. Guest speakers and singers include: E. C. and Mrs. Briggs, Ft. Worth, Texas; the Triple-Aires; George and Mrs. Clements, Barsdoll, Okla.; Antonette Johnson and family from Brazil, Evangelist Lucky Royal held meetings in October. Gerald Baser is pastor.

### SALINAS —

Calvary heard Harry Bartel of Columbia, South America, Oct. 1. Ray Oliver is pastor.

### SANTA ROSA —

William Vickery has been selected as the new pastor of the First Assembly of God. He assumed his new

duties on Oct. 15. The congregation has moved into their lovely new building and is looking forward to a time of spiritual prosperity.

### SOQUEL —

On Sept. 8 the Soquel Assembly of God held its monthly Men's Fellowship dinner under the direction of Roy Brodehl, president. Thirty-seven men



were present to enjoy the steak and fine message given by David C. Colbert, District Sunday school director. Rueben Davis is pastor.

### UKIAH —

B. C. Finfrock, Albert Rowley and Steve Asmuth filled the pulpit recently for Pastor Cornish Jones who is recovering in the hospital from a severe burn.

### WILLOW CREEK —

A Kid's Crusade was held in June with 62 enrolled plus a staff of 8 local workers. Ages 4-16 and an average attendance was 50 and 22 made decisions for Christ. Joyce Adams reported the meeting.

## Missionaries Abroad

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held in a theater which was packed almost to suffocation. The front row was filled at the altar call, most of them young people in their twenties or older. A week of lectures was held at the Bible School. The following week they represented the USA Pentecostal groups at the Pentecostal Jubilee.

### SAMOA —

Maurice Luce, Pago Pago, asks that Christmas parcels be sent the first part of November to reach there at the proper season. Duty will be exempt if labeled "CHRISTMAS GIFT". Suggested items are Polaroid film 400 and 3000, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream and lotion. Candies and fruit are most acceptable but not so badly needed.

## Dr. Burnett's Challenge

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in a statistical analysis of the Christian service of the College is virtually impossible.

May I come now to that which in many ways is the most important part of this report - our look at the future. I doubt if any one dreamed in 1950 that Bethany's facilities would be stretched to the absolute breaking point this quickly. Then a school of 200 was barely envisioned. When the chapel was built in 1956, a seating of 325 seemed ample for years to come. In 1958 when the financial need of the school was presented to the Corporation meeting in Richmond, the building of the Student Center, improvement of current facilities, and development of the sewer system were deemed adequate for a long time to come, so much so that the impression was at least received by many that the appeal at that time would be the last.

The stark brutal fact of the matter is that whatever the thinking at that time and the reasons for doing so, Bethany is now faced with the absolute urgency of expanding again.

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Steve Asmuth, President



Spotlighting The C. A. of The Month



Linda Titus,

Honorable mention in the 1961 Mr. and Miss C. A. - USA contest was given Miss Linda Titus of Watsonville, Calif.

Linda has been an honor roll student the last two years at Watsonville High and has been active in the Girls Athletic Association, Nurses Club, Teen Supper Club, and Commercial Club. She received the Service to School award for being an outstanding secretary to a counselor. She also worked part-time as a bookkeeper and cashier.

Above all of these activities, Linda is ambitious to serve the Lord. According to the Pentecostal Evangel, "Linda is a charter member of her local Missionette Club which was organized in 1956. Since that time she has held the office of president, vice-president, and treasurer of her club. She is also pianist for the group. Linda organized a club for younger girls, calling it Junior Missionettes. She has sponsored this group while remaining active in her own club."

She received high commendation from her pastor at Bethel Tabernacle, Watsonville, and her C. A. president said, "She was always sweet about everything she was asked to do."

Linda is now majoring in Business Administration at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.

## A Message from the D-Cap

Dear C. A.;

I sincerely hope you will be one of the hundreds of C. A.'s who, this coming Thanksgiving Day, will be traveling to Santa Rosa and the Fall C. A. Convention.

There will be great anticipation as you check in to your motel and prepare for the opening rally in the First Assembly of God.

While at the convention, you will thrill to the nightly ministry of Dr. C. C. Burnett . . . you will be blessed by the musical talents of teen-agers from Northern California and Nevada . . . you will enjoy the two-dollar banquet at the El Rancho Motel . . . you

will be challenged by the "Preview of '62" . . . you will participate in the annual C. A. business meeting . . . and you will be inspired by the giant Choir-ama!

Then, after the final service of November 25th, you will return to your home, church, and C. A. group more determined than ever before to live for God.

It is necessary that we both pray and expect the Lord to save, fill, and bless. God will do His part, if we will do our part.

See you in Santa Rosa!

Steve Asmuth, D-CAP.

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Dr. Burnett's Challenge

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student body at present. Thirty to 40 young men are sleeping in quarters outside the dormitory and should a commensurate increase next year materialize, more will be inconvenienced - not to mention the problems of supervision that arise in this dilemma. Originally, the State of California, Department of Education certified us with a maximum of 300 in the student body, claiming that is all our facilities would take care of. Already we are passed that number. Obviously, something must be done.

We must rise to the challenge. We cannot fail the young people of our land who are willing to dedicate themselves to the study of the Bible in a Pentecostal atmosphere for the purpose of training for Christian service - even sometimes at heavy financial loss. In view of their being able to attend state schools for practically nothing. We must catch the vision of what an enlarged Bethany can do for the entire Kingdom of God.

To do so will require faith from us all - individually and collectively. We will have to find ways to present the needs to our people - and to finance the program in a way that will be glorifying to God. The time has come when we must believe God to help us promote His cause by enlisting large gifts from every source possible. Church offerings are wonderful. God be pleased for what we have already received, but somehow we must enlist men with means to help us build. Gifts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and perhaps even \$50,000 or \$100,000 ought to be our goal.

Brethren, the time is at hand. May God give us courage to meet the emergency. Yes, we can draw back and content ourselves with what we have and hope we can hold our own, but the startling historical fact is that we either advance or retreat. We can advance to achieve the finest program of Pentecostal education in our movement, or we can retreat in the shadow of philosophy that is content to keep the status quo - and possibly perish on the way. Surely, the scriptural exhortation which we have all so often applied to our churches as we would spur them to greater advance is apropos here, "Without a vision, the people perish."

Frankly, brethren, when I face the future and the tremendous task before us, I tremble at the possibilities of success and failure. To know, however, that I have a group of men like you who have already shown your

loyalty and devotion to Bethany's cause, working with me gives courage to face the task. I appreciate more than you can ever know the privilege that has been mine to work with each of you this year. You have each one made my task easier.

My report is finished. I sincerely

pray you will have seen the need and will accept the challenge. Bethany is not my school - nor yours. It is His - and we must make it that of which our Lord can continue to be proud.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cordas C. Burnett, D. D.  
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